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## <u>REMARKS</u>

Reconsideration of the Office Action is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action claims 17 to 20, and 26 and 27 were allowed. The present Amendment cancels all rejected claims. Hence, the pending claims are now claims 17 - 20, 26 and 27.

In view of the above, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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